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SUBJ: UN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NETHERLANDS

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1. THE VISIT TO THE HAGUE ON SEPT 7 OF IO/UNP DIRECTOR HELMAN PROVIDED A MOST USEFUL FOLLOWUP TO THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS HERE LAST JULY BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON (THE HAGUE 3911.) MFA DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS TERWISSCHA VAN SCHELTINGA HOSTED MEETING IN HIS OFFICE WHICH WAS ATTENDED ALSO BY THE HEAD OF POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS BURGERS AND BRIEFLY THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS VAN BOVEN (WHO IS THE DUTCH CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SCHREIBER AS UN DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS). POL COUNS ALSO PRESENT. TERWISSCHA EXPLAINED THAT WHILE GON CURRENTLY HELD PRESIDENCY OF EC-9, HE WAS ENGAGING IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC EC-9 MANDATE.

2. KOREA: TERWISSCHA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE WORK OF THE CORE GROUP AND CLEARLY DID NOT HARBOR RESENTMENT SUCH AS THAT RECENTLY VOICED BY THE BELGIAN MFA. HE MENTIONED NORTH KOREAN LOBBYING TACTICS, WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT IRRITATING, BUT VOICED CONCERN THAT NORTH KOREANS MIGHT IN
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THE END MANAGE TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR THEIR RESOLUTION.

TERWISSCHA ALSO MENTIONED CAUSTICALLY THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE WAS OVERPLAYING ITS HAND WITH REPEATED AND UNNECESSARY CALLS ON HIS MINISTRY. TERWISSCHA NOTED THAT DUTCH DELEGATION REMAINED VERY ACTIVE IN NEW YORK, GOING ON TO MAKE THE FAMILIAR POINT THAT THE DUTCH PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE ELSEWHERE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SOMEWHAT LOWER.

3. CYPRUS: EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ON SEPT 9. TERWISSCHA SAID NINE WERE AWARE OF TURKISH DESIRE TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE IN THE SPC. HE AGREED THIS MIGHT RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, WHO WAS AT THAT MOMENT VISITING ANKARA, MIGHT OBTAIN A CLEARER PICTURE OF TURKISH THINKING. HE HAD NO INDICATION AS YET THAT THE TURKS WERE PICKING UP SUPPORT.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

A. GERMAN PROPOSAL: NOTING STRONG US INTEREST IN THE TERRORISM ISSUE, HELMAN UNDERLINED US SUPPORT FOR--INCLUDING US WILLINGNESS TO COSPONSOR--GERMAN PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT WIDE COSPONSORSHIP WOULD BE BEST GUARANTEE FOR ITS SUCCESS, TERWISSCHA SAID EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD ALSO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE AT SEPT 9 MEETING, ADDING GENSCHER WOULD SEE VAN DER STOEL THE DAY BEFORE. HE ANTICIPATED VAN DER STOELS UN ADDRESS WOULD INCLUDE PASSAGE SETTING FORTH EC-9 VIEWS ON GERMAN INITIATIVE. DUTCH WELCOMED GERMAN PROPOSAL AND WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO COSPONSOR.

B. TORTURE: TERWISSCHA DISCLOSED MFA HAD JUST INSTRUCTED NETHERLANDS MISSION TO UN TO KEEP SPOTLIGHT ON THIS ISSUE BY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON BASIS OF POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINING FOUR ELEMENTS: EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION WITH DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT APPLYING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; REQUEST TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DIRECT SUBMISSION TO GA OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING PROTECTION OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION; EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION BY GA THAT SUBCOMMITTEE HAD ASKED FOR CREATION OF WG FOR PURPOSE OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF RIGHTS OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES; AND REQUEST THAT MEMBER STATES GIVE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY TO DECLARATION ON TORTURE.

C. POLITICAL PRISONERS: VAN BOVEN COMMENTED FAVORABLY
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ON SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION AND ASKED WHETHER SWEDES HAD CONSULTED US.

D. CHILE: IN RESPONSE TO HELMAN'S COMMENT THAT FURTHER GA RESOLUTIONS MIGHT HAVE EFFECT OF HIGHLIGHTING UN IMPOTENCE AND FORTIFYING CHILE'S INTRANSIGENCE, TERWISSCHA SAID EC-9 WERE OF VIEW MANDATE OF SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD BE PROLONGED, BUT HE WAS DOUBTFUL WHETHER FURTHER EFFORTS TO GET THE GROUP INTO

CHILE WOULD SUCCEED.

5. MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS: TERWISSCHA AGREED THAT TONE OF UNGA DEBATE WAS LIEKLY TO BE ACERBIC BUT DREW SOME COMFORT FROM THE FACT THAT THE COLOMBO MEETING HAD STOPPED SHORT OF CALLS FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL. THE EC-9 WOULD STAY IN CLOSEST POSSIBLE TOUCH AMONG THEMSELVES EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE SOME NUANCES IN VIEWS, AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD BE CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US.

6. SOVIET INITIATIVE: HELMAN CALLED ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE SOVIET UNGA INITIATIVE ON NON-USE OF FORCE, ADDING PERSONAL COMMENT THAT SUCH INITIATIVE WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE NATURE OF AN ATTEMPT AT ELABORATION OF ARTICLE IV PARA 2 OF THE CHARTER RATHER THAN AN ARMS CONTROL ISSUE. TERWISSCHA SAID HE WOULD REVIEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK'S STATEMENT IN RECENT SC DEBATE ON AEGEAN FOR CLUE TO SOVIET INTENTIONS. TERWISSCHA ADDED HE WOULD BEAR POINT IN MIND WHEN THE SOVIETS COME NEXT WEEK FOR UNGA BILATERALS.

7. CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES: TERWISSCHA REVIEWED EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR EC-9/US CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING VINCI GROUP AND POSSIBILITY OF AD HOC "CORE" GROUPS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST. HE MENTIONED SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS, SUCH AS LUNCHEONS OF VINCI GROUP AND POSSIBILITY OF SMALLER GROUP

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INCLUDING EC-9 PLUS NINE OTHERS. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY OF FORMAT IN WHICH CONSULTATIONS MIGHT IN FIRST INSTANCE TAKE PLACE WITH ONLY SOME OF EC-9, INCLUDING EC-9 PRESIDENT, WITH OF COURSE FULL SHARING OF INFORMATION AMONG ALL NINE. THE ISSUE OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING ON SEPT 9. TERWISSCHA PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT US/EC-9 CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK SHOULD CONTINUE ON A PRAGMATIC AND FLEXIBLE BASIS, USING SUCH MECHANISMS AS WERE AVAILABLE BUT WITHOUT BEING CIRCUMSCRIBED BY THEM IN ANY WAY.

8. POLITICIZATION IN IAEA: TERWISSCHA SAID DUTCH WOULD STRONGLY BACK SOUTH AFRICAN RETENTION OF MEMBERSHIP. HELMAN URGED THAT THE DUTCH CONSIDER CAREFULLY OUR ARGUMENTS FOR VOTING AGAINST PLO OBSERVER STATUS.

9. MIDDLE EAST IN UNESCO: TERWISSCHA WAS UNSURE WHETHER ARABS WOULD PURSUE HARD LINE WITH RESPECT TO ISRAEL. HELMAN OFFERED TO FURNISH THROUGH EMBASSY THE HAGUE SUCH INFORMATION AS MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE TO USG.

10. TERWISSCHA WAS ATTUNED FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE TO POSSIBLE INTERACTION BETWEEN UNGA AND US ELECTORAL PROCESS. HE WAS ALSO SENSITIVE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF EC-9 SUPPORT ON ISSUES US
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REGARDED AS IMPORTANT AND TO POTENTIAL DANGERS SHOULD EC-9 AND US NOT BE TOGETHER ON KEY ISSUES.

11. TERWISSCHA'S EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR HELMAN'S VISIT DEMONSTRATED AGAIN THE GREAT VALUE WHICH GON ATTACHES TO MAINTAINING ACTIVE PROCESS OF ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.
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